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CHESHIRE.

DISLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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HEALTH COMMITTEE

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(as at December 31st 1960)

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Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the health of the Rural District of Disley for the year ended December 31st, 1960.

The Registrar-General's Estimate of population at mid-year 1960 was 3030, an increase of 20 compared with the previous year. There were 37 live-births, 3 more than in 1959 and the crude birth rate is 12.2 per thousand population. For comparison with other areas this crude rate can be adjusted by using the Registrar-General's Comparability Factor, and the comparative birth rate is 14.4 per thousand population as against 17.1 for the whole country. There were 34 deaths from all causes at all ages compared with 44 in 1959. The comparative death rate is 9.7 per thousand population against a rate of 11.5 for the country as a whole. For the first time since 1952 the number of births exceeded the number of deaths. There were 2 infant deaths and 2 still-births. In 1959 there were no infant deaths and 2 still-births. There were 2 deaths from cancer of the lung and bronchus, the same as in 1959 and 1958. Deaths from coronary disease increased to 7 from 5 in 1959 and 4 in 1958.

There was no outbreak of infectious disease and it is particularly pleasing to note that no case of acute poliomyelitis was notified. There was one new case of pulmonary tuberculosis notified and no new cases of the non-pulmonary form. There was no death from either form of the disease.

In conclusion I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their continued support and confidence. I should also like to thank the Officers of the Council for their valuable help so readily given to me at all times.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

T.W. BRINDLE,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

Area in acres	2,118
Population Census 1951	2,863
Population Mid-Year 1960 (Registrar General's Estimate)	3,030
No. of Inhabited Houses	1,150
Rateable Value (1st April, 1960) ..	£46,608
Product of a Penny Rate (estimated)	£188

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA

The area is hilly in character with a wealth of pleasantly wooded slopes rising from a level of 400 ft., at the River Goyt, to the highest point of 1,018 above mean sea level. On the northwest boundary, the residential area of Jacksons Edge follows roughly the line of the 700 ft. contour.

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

1. Births

(a) <u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	20	17	37
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>37</u>

Live Birth rate per 1,000 population	<u>Disley</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
	1960 12.2	17.1
	1959 11.3	16.5

(b) <u>Still Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	.	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	<u>Disley</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
	1960 51.3	19.8
	1959 55.6	21.0

SECTION A (1960) Continued

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR - (Cont'd)

(c) <u>Deaths (General) Rate</u>	Male	Female	Total
<u>All Ages (All Causes)</u>	18	16	34
Death-Rate per 1,000 population	<u>Disley</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>	
	1960 11.2	11.5	
	1959 14.6	11.6	

<u>Deaths (General) Analysis</u>	1958		1959		1960	
<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-
" (Other)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasms, stomach	-	1	-	1	-	-
" " lung & bronchus	2	-	1	1	2	-
" " breast	-	-	-	-	-	-
" " uterus	-	1	-	-	-	-
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	2	-	1	2	3	1
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	6	4	8	1	4
Coronary Diseases, Angina	3	1	3	2	6	1
Hypertension with heart diseases	-	1	-	1	1	-
Other heart diseases	-	3	3	4	1	2
Other circulatory disease	5	5	-	2	-	4
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	2	1	-
Bronchitis	1	2	1	1	2	1
Other diseases of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	1	-	-	-
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	2	-	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth & abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	1	1	-	1	2
Motor vehicle accidents	-	1	-	-	-	-
All other accidents	1	-	1	2	-	1
Suicide	1	-	-	-	-	-
Homicide & operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-
	25	22	18	26	18	16

SECTION A (1960) Continued

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR - (Cont'd)

Deaths (Maternal Causes)

There was no death attributed to this cause in the District during the year.

Death-Rate (Infantile i.e. Infants under 1 year of age

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age	2
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	2
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age	2

Infantile Mortality Rates

Total Infant deaths per 1,000 live births

	Disley	England & Wales
1960	54.1	21.9
1959	Nil	22.0

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate

(deaths under 1 month per 1,000 live births)..... 54.1

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate

(deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births .. 54.1

Perinatal Mortality Rate

(still births and deaths under 1 week combined
per 1,000 total live and still births) 102.6

Extract from Statistics for the Years 1951-60

Year	Pop'n at Mid Yr.	Births				Stillbirths				Deaths		Deaths Infants Under 1 year			
		Total	Legit.	Illeg.	Rate	Total	Legit	Illeg.	Rate per 1000 live & stillbirths	All Causes	Rate per 1000 Pop'n	Total	Leg.	Illeg.	Rate pr 1000 L.b'ths
1951	2826	33	32	1	11.7	-	-	-	-	44	15.6	-	-	-	-
1952	2840	47	46	1	16.6	-	-	-	-	44	15.5	2	2	-	42.6
1953	2936	29	29	-	9.9	1	1	-	33.3	31	10.6	2	2	-	69.0
1954	3000	36	35	1	12.0	-	-	-	-	41	13.7	2	2	-	55.6
1955	3010	39	38	1	13.0	1	1	-	25.0	43	14.3	-	-	-	-
1956	3030	40	39	1	13.2	1	1	-	24.4	42	13.9	1	1	-	25.0
1957	3040	42	40	2	13.8	1	1	-	23.3	42	13.8	-	-	-	-
1958	3050	35	35	-	11.6	2	2	-	59.5	47	15.5	1	1	-	28.8
1959	3010	34	34	-	11.3	2	2	-	55.6	44	14.6	-	-	-	-
1960	3030	37	37	-	12.2	2	2	-	51.3	34	11.2	2	2	-	54.1

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities are available at the Public Health Laboratory at Monsall and also at Stepping Hill Hospital.

The following services are provided by the Local Health authority and administered by the North East Cheshire Divisional Health Committee.

Ambulance Facilities. A 24 hour Ambulance Service is available, being provided by the Stockport Corporation and Derbyshire County Council on an agency basis. In addition, a sitting case ambulance is available.

Nursing in the Home. There is one District Nurse in the Area who undertakes general nursing and maternity work.

Home Help Service. Home helps are available in cases of illness, confinement, old age, etc., Home helps have been employed during the year in the following cases in Disley:

	<u>No. of cases</u>
Chronic Sick including aged & infirm ..	4
Confinements	5
Acute Illness	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	<u>12</u>

Infant Welfare Centres. Sessions are held fortnightly at the Council Offices. Attendances during the year were as follows:-

Centre Disley	New Cases	Total Attendances		
	0 - 1 yr.	0 - 1 yr.	1 - 2 yrs.	2 - 5 yrs.
	54	480	159	209

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation. Special arrangements are made for immunisation to be performed at the end of each Welfare Session. In addition, immunisation is carried out free of charge by general medical practitioners at their surgeries.

Services provided by the Regional Hospital Board

Hospitals. There is no hospital within the Rural District, and patients from this area are admitted to hospitals in neighbouring districts.

Maternity cases requiring hospital accommodation are also admitted to hospitals outside the area. Where necessary, infectious disease cases other than smallpox are admitted to the Stockport Isolation Hospital. Facilities for smallpox cases are provided at Ellswick Leys Smallpox Hospital, Lancashire, and at the Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, near Bury.

SECTION B (1960) Continued

Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases. Special clinics for the diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases are held at the Chest Clinic Stepping Hill Hospital and Great Egerton Street, Stockport, respectively.

SECTION C

GENERAL SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

1. Water. The area is supplied by the Stockport Corporation Water Undertaking and most of the houses in the district are connected to the mains. A few farms and isolated houses situated on high ground are supplied by natural wells and springs, a few having boreholes. The situation of these premises and the physical characteristics of the land render the cost of laying mains prohibitive and an almost impossible task.

The water supplied to the district is chemically treated, filtered, and chlorinated, and is subject to frequent bacteriological and chemical analysis by the Stockport Corporation, and has proved satisfactory in quality and quantity. The main road and lower areas of the district are supplied from Kinder and the higher part from the Goyt Valley supply.

2. Drainage and Sewerage. The greater part of the district is sewered and two sewage disposal works are owned by the Council. Most houses are connected to the sewers and those properties which are not, are in isolated positions.

Samples of effluent from both disposal works taken during the year by the Mersey River Board were found to be generally satisfactory.

The improvement of the Waterside Sewage Disposal Works, which consisted of the erection of a river bank retaining wall, renewal of filter media, re-erection of a disused percolating filter and repairs to two other filters, provision of a new distributor, and provision of a water supply, was completed during 1959 and the work continues to function satisfactorily.

At the request of the Mersey River Board negotiations were commenced during the year with New Mills Urban District Council with a view to accepting and treating sewage from New Mills at the Waterside Works. Some extension of the works will be necessary if this sewage is accepted.

SECTION C (1960) - Continued

GENERAL SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES - (Cont'd)

3. Rivers and Streams. The River Goyt forms the Northern boundary of the District, and the Bollinghurst Brook is the South Westerly boundary. The effluents from the Waterside and Coppice Sewage Works discharge respectively into these.

4. Sanitary Accommodation

Water Closets ...	...	...	...	...	1,145
Privies ...	...	...	...	...	13
Pail Closets ...	...	...	...	...	21
Ashbins ...	...	...	...	...	1,158

5. Public Cleansing. A direct labour refuse service is operated by the Council and has functioned satisfactorily. Refuse, and the contents of pail closets have been collected each fortnight. Trade refuse is collected weekly, for which the Council make an appropriate charge.

Household refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at the Council's Tip in Greenshall Lane. After discharge the refuse is raked over and covered by a layer of overburden sand and the face of the tip is also dressed with sand and dried sewage sludge.

6. Rodent Control. A Rodent Operator is employed on five half-days in each alternate week. Regular inspections and treatments of the sewage disposal works and refuse tip have been carried out.

51 infestations at private property and 4 business premises were treated.

7. Sanitary Inspections. The following number of inspections were made during the year.

Houses Public Health Act and Housing Acts (primary) ...	...	...	...	9
" re inspections ...	...	...	...	18
" re improvement grants ...	...	...	...	16
Council Houses ...	...	...	...	258
Factories (power) ...	...	...	...	15
" (non-power) ...	...	...	...	4
Public Conveniences ...	...	...	...	28
Rodent Control ...	...	...	...	426
Refuse Disposal and Collection ..	...	...	...	48
Sewerage and Sewage Disposal ...	...	...	...	62
Drainage ...	...	...	...	51
Water Supply ...	...	...	...	4
Schools ...	...	...	...	2
Moveable dwellings ...	...	...	...	2
Watercourses. ...	...	...	...	8
Smoke observations	3
Infectious Diseases	-
Petroleum Storage	4
Food Control.	54

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SECTION C (1960) - Continued

GENERAL SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES - (Cont'd)

8. Smoke Abatement. Observations were made at two factories and no formal action was found to be necessary.

9. Camping Sites. There is one permanent site in the district which is occupied during the summer months only by members of a National Girls' Organisation. The camp is well managed.

SECTION D

HOUSING

1. Housing - Clearance Areas, etc.,

The Housing Act, 1957. Sec. 17. Three dwellinghouses comprised in one block of property were demolished and the sites cleared by the owner.

The Housing Act, 1957. Sec. 16(3). An undertaking was accepted from the owner of one house to make it fit for human habitation.

2. New Housing During the year 16 private houses were completed and at December 31st. 1960 there were 14 private houses under construction.

3. Housing Improvements 17 houses were improved during the year. Ten of these were dealt with under the provisions of the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 and Standard Grants were made for the provision of the following added amenities:-

Fixed Bath	10
Wash-hand basin.....	10
Hot Water Supply.....	9
Water Closet in the dwelling.....	6
Satisfactory facilities for storing food.....	7

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Meat Inspection. There is one licensed slaughterhouse in the district at Newtown - all animals were inspected by the Council's Meat Inspector.

Animals Inspected	Meat Condemned
Cattle..... 398	2 beasts heads
Sheep & Lambs.. 1766	24 beasts livers
Pigs..... 23	37 sheeps plucks
Calves..... 2	36 sheeps livers

2. Meat (Staining and Sterilization) Regulations, 1960.

These regulations came into force on November 1st, 1960 and require that all meat unfit for human consumption shall be sterilised before leaving the slaughterhouse. If there are no facilities for sterilising available provision shall be made for the meat to be removed by arrangement with an authorised officer of a Local Authority to a place where it will be sterilised or destroyed. Satisfactory arrangements have now been made for dealing with unfit meat from the slaughterhouse within the Rural District.

3. Slaughterhouses Act, 1958

Section 3(1) of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, required Local Authorities to review the existing and probable future requirements of their district for slaughterhouse facilities. A report was prepared and after consultation with interested parties was submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The report stated that there is one existing slaughterhouse in the district which is expected to comply with the requirements of the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958, and that this slaughterhouse would provide adequate facilities for present and future requirements of the district as far as can be foreseen. The recommended date for the operation of the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations is July 1st, 1961. This Report has been approved by the Minister.

4. Food Inspection. All food shops have been regularly inspected and advice has been given where necessary on the handling of food and maintenance of premises. No foodstuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption.

5. Food Premises in the District

Licensed Premises	11
Catering Premises	7
Works Canteens	3
School Canteens	1
Butchers Shops	3
Wet Fish Shops	2
Fish and Chip Shops	1
Grocers	6
Greengrocers	3
Bakers	1
General Stores.....	6
Registered Ice Cream Dealers...	8
Confectioners	4

SECTION E (1960) Continued

6. Food Sampling Sampling of food in the district is carried out by the Inspector of Weights and Measures Department, Cheshire County Council.

7. Food Poisoning No cases of food poisoning were notified during 1960.

8. Milk

The number of persons retailing milk within the district is as follows:-

10 registered distributors, of whom 6 have their premises situated outside the district.

6 dairy farmers, retailing designated milk not of their own production. These are registered by the Ministry.

The following licences were issued under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1949 to 1954:-

	<u>Dealers</u>	<u>Supplementary</u>
Tuberculin Tested.....	9	6
Pasteurised.....	8	5
Sterilised.....	7	5

9. The Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1960.

The Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1960, came into force on the 1st October, 1960. The effect is that Dealers' Licences other than those issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food will be issued by the Food and Drugs Authority instead of by the District Council. Supplementary Licences will be discontinued and Dealers' Licences will be granted for five years instead of one.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

- (a) General Number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year:-

Measles.....6

- (b) Analysis of Notified Infectious Diseases

Disease	Under 1	1- 2	3- 4	5- 9	10- 14	15- 24	25 & over	Total
Measles	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	6
Total	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	6

- (c) Diphtheria Immunisation. During the year the following children were immunised in the Council's area:-

	<u>Under 5</u>	<u>Schoolchildren</u>	<u>Total</u>
Primary	51	6	57
Re-immunisation	4	20	24

- (d) Tuberculosis

(d) Tuberculosis	Cases on Register:-				
	Males		Females		Total
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
Cases on Register 1.1.60	15	2	6	6	29
Cases notified in 1960	-	-	1	-	1
Cases removed in 1960	15	2	7	6	30
	1	-	1	-	2
Cases on Register 31.12.60	14	2	6	6	28

SECTION G

ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACTS

Inspection of factories was carried out during the year and all premises were found to be generally satisfactory.

The number of premises and inspections is as follows:-

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4 and 6 are enforced by the Local Authority	4	4	-	-
(2) Factories not included in above in which Sec. 7 applies	11	15	-	-
(3) Other premises (excluding outworkers premises)	4	4	-	-
Totals	19	23	-	-

Outworkers Notice has been received on one outworker resident in the Disley Rural District.

